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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG OPEC
SUBJECT: DEMARCHES TO OPEC ON OIL PRICE QUESTION

REF: STATE 271013

1. AMBASSADOR RAISED SUBJECT EVENING OV NOVEMBER 14 WITH
FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL WHO SAID DUTCH WOULD
NOT WANT TO TAKE A LEADING POSITION IN APPROACHING OPEC
MEMBERS BUT WOULD LEND LOWER KEY SUPPORT TO US INITIATIVES.
VAN DER STOEL ALSO STATED THAT DUTCH WOULD WANT TO AVOID
APPEARANCE OF SEEKING TO SPLIT THE G-77 OVER THE OIL

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PRICE ISSUE.

2. ON NOVEMBER 15 ECON COUNSELOR MADE DEMARCHE REQUESTED
IN STATE REFTEL TO MFA OFFICIAL VAN SCHAIK WHO IS
COORDINATING INTER-MINISTERIAL CONSIDERATION OF SECRETARY
VANCE'S LETTER. VAN SCHAIK SAID GON WOULD TAKE NEW
DEMARCHE INTO ACCOUNT AND THOUGHT FORMAL RESPONSE

BY MINISTER VAN DER STOEL TO SECRETARY VANCE'S
LETTER WOULD BE FORTHCOMING WITHIN A WEEK. HE SAID
PRELIMINARY GON POSITIONIS TO SHARE USG CONCERNS
BUT TO QUESTION EFFECTIVENESS OF TOO STRONG A
DUTCH APPROACH TO SOME EOPEC MEMBERS. HE THOUGHT, FOR
EXAMPLE, THAT DUTCH DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES MIGHT BE
INSTRUCTED TO RESPOND TO QUERIES OR IF INVOLVED IN PERTIUEENT
CONVERSATIONS BY TELLING OPEC MEMBER OFFICIALS THAT
GON VIEWS ANY OIL PRICE INCREASE WITH REAL CONCERN. HE
ADDED THAT POSSIBILITY OF IEA AND/OR EC CONSIDERATION
OF OPEC PRICE RISE ISSUE COULD HAVE SUBSTANTIAL IMPACT ON
GENERAL DUTCH ATTITUDE. HE SAID IT WOULD ALSO
BE HELPFUL TO DUTCH TO KNOW WHAT OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED
COUNTRIES ARE PLANNING TO DO AND WHETHER THERE WAS
POSSIBILITY THAT USG WOULD SUGGEST HOLDING AN IEA
MEETING TO TAKE UP THE PRICE ISSUE. HE TOO NOTED, HOWEVER,
THAT DUTCH WOULD BE MOST RELUCTANT TO PLAY ANY ROLE IN
ATTEMPTING TO USE POTENTIAL OIL PRICE RISE ISSUE TO
SPLIT G-77.

3. COMMENT: AS WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN
SEEKING SOMEWHAT STRONGER DUTCH SUPPORT, WE WOULD
WELCOME DEPARTMENT'S FURTHER GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT
WE MIGHT SAY ABOUT WHAT OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES
ARE DOING TO SUPPORT US AND WHETHER ANY THOUGHT IS BEING
GIVEN TO TAKING UP THE OIL PRICE ISSUE IN AN IEA MEETING.

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